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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL:

(A) A "FIREARM IMPORT PERMIT" IS REQUIRED FOR THE
IMPORTATION OF ARMS OR AMMUNITION INTO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
(B) THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
(C) ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SUCH A PERMIT IS ALWAYS
RESTRICTED TO THOSE HOLDING A FIREARM DEALER'S LICENSE,
A FIREARM USER'S LICENSE, OR A FIREARM USER'S (EMPLOYEE'S)
CERTIFICATE (LATTER TWO WOULD BE IN CASE OF INDIVIDUALS
ENTERING OR RETURNING TO TRINIDAD WITH ARMS OR
AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ORDERING
DIRECTLY FROM ABROAD). A FIREARM DEALER'S LICENSE IS ALSO
ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, AND MUST BE
RENEWED ANNUALLY. ORIGINAL OF FIREARM IMPORT PERMIT MUST
BE SUBMITTED TO LOCAL CUSTOMS IN ORDER TO CLEAR INCOMING
SHIPMENT, BUT A COPY COULD EASILY BE SUBMITTED BY
IMPORTER TO U.S. EXPORTER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MC EXPORT
LICENSE.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, TRINIDAD AUTHORITIES

HAVE MAINTAINED SINCE PASSAGE OF 1970 LAW FAIRLY STRICT
CONTROL OVER ARMS AND AMMUNITION, ALTHOUGH IT IS SUS-
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SPECTED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF UNREGISTERED OR STOLEN

WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS. GUN DEALERS AND GUNSMITHS ARE REQUIRED TO RECORD ALL TRANSACTION, AND INDIVIDUAL OWNERS OF WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD A FIREARM USER'S LICENSE. INDIVIDUALS HANDLING WEAPONS THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY OWN (SECURITY GUARDS, ETC.) ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD A FIREARM USER'S (EMPLOYEE'S) CERTIFICATE.

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